

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract page on page 16 of the application, with the following amended abstract.

Abstract:

The invention relates to an arrangement for controlling gear positions in a car, comprising a console, having a wall (140), and one or more sensors (~~A, B~~) arranged in connection to said wall, and further comprising a gear lever (210) and a code device (~~220, 230, 240~~) which can interact with the said sensors (~~A, B~~), in which the code device (~~220, 230, 240~~) is connected to the gear lever (210) so that the code device is actuated to move upon motion of the gear lever. The code device (230) is pivotably secured adjacent to the gear lever (210) and the arrangement further comprises means (240) for biasing the code device (230) in the direction of the said console wall (140). Expediently, the arrangement further comprises an arm (220) by which the code device (230) is pivotably secured in the gear lever (210).

(Fig. 2)

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 7, 10, 15, 19, and 22, to put claims 1-34 in proper U.S. format, and to amend the abstract paragraph.

A courtesy copy of the present specification is enclosed herewith. However, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

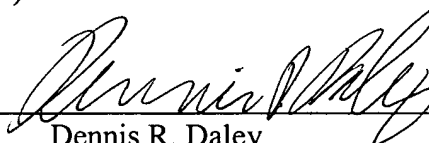
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